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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR KOREAN TANNER CRAB FISHERY

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1. EMBOFF PROVIDED SUBSTANCE OF REF B TO MOFA' S CHOE, HO CHUNG APRIL 3. CHOE APPEARED TO ACCEPT HISTORICAL ARGUMENT FOR SOVIET AND JAPANESE KING CRAB QUOTAS, BUT CLAIMED TANNER CRAB IS DIFFERENT MATTER. HE ALLEGED THAT TANNER CRAB DOES NOT APPEAR EITHER IN BILATERAL U. S./ JAPAN QUOTA AGREEMENTS OR JAPANESE FISHERIES STATISTICS PRIOR TO 1970. HE THEREFORE REASONS THAT HISTORICAL FISHERY (THAT IS PRIOR TO ENACTMENT 1964 LEGISLATION RE CONTINENTAL SHELF) INAPPROPRIATE ARGUMENT AS FAR AS TANNER CRAB IS CONCERNED, AND THAT KOREA HAS EQUAL RIGHT TO QUOTA WITH JAPAN AND SOVIET UNION.

2. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT IN USG VIEW, FISHING ON CONTINENTAL SHELF IS NOT A MATTER OF OTHER NATIONS' RIGHTS SINCE WE BELIEVE ALL CONTINENTAL SHELF SPECIES ARE RESERVED FOR U. S. FURTHER, EMBOFF ARGUED THAT REGARDLESS OF WHEN JAPANESE TANNER CRAB CATCH FIRST BEGAN, PRINCIPLE REMAINS UNCHANGED, THAT IS, PHASE OUT
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OF ALL FOREIGN CRABBING OPERATIONS ON U. S. SHELF.

3. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO CHOE' S ALLEGATIONS RE LATE
START OF JAPANESE TANNER CRAB ACTIVITY, EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE.
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